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1. SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING NICOSIA
EVACUATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THE MAIN REASONS FOR
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ESTIMATED POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL EVACUEES
WERE:

A. THE ESTIMATED TOURIST FIGURE WAS GREATLY OVERESTIMATED.

B. THE MAJORITY OF CYPRIOT AMERICANS LISTED AS POTENTIAL EVACUEES
DID NOT WISH TO LEAVE CYPRUS (AS IN 1967).

C. SOME AMERICANS WERE EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH WHO DID NOT
KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS DUE TO THE PRESSURE AND WORKLOAD.

D. UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY POLICY BETWEEN COUP D'ETAT AND FIRST
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TURKISH INVASION (15-20 JULY) WAS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE

ISLAND VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY ASSISTED IN BOOKINGS BUT DID NOT CHARTER ANY AIRCRAFT.

2. AREA OF CONCERN WAS OUTDATED WARDEN SYSTEM WHICH HAD NOT BEEN REVISED SINCE 1971. EVEN THOUGH TRAVEL WAS RESTRICTED AND TELEPHONES SOMETIMES OUT OF ORDER, A CURRENT WARDEN SYSTEM WOULD HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL. LOCAL RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE CONFUSING WHICH ADDED TO THE PROBLEM.

3. NICOSIA ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON BRITISH ASSISTANCE FOR EVACUATION WHEN COMMERCIAL AIRPORT CLOSED. EMBASSY OFFICERS INFORMED DURING LATEST EVACUATION THAT DEPARTURE MOVEMENT (I. E. EMBASSY USE OF SIXTH FLEET OFF DHEKELIA) CAUSED SOME PROBLEMS FOR BASE AUTHORITIES. LATTER ADVISED THAT IT WAS EASIER AND CERTAINLY MORE EFFICIENT TO EVACUATE AMERICAN PERSONNEL WITH OTHER EVACUEES RATHER THAN PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SEPARATE EVACUATION.

4. E&E PERSONNEL EXPERIENCED MINOR PROBLEMS AT EVACUATION SITE, BUT CONSIDERING TIME FRAME ALLOWED FOR PREPARATION THE MOVEMENT WAS FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EVACUEES DID NOT KNOW THEIR DESTINATION AND MANY THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN TO THE US.

5. POST EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN FIRST STAGE OF CRISIS. UNDER A NEW PROJECT APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY DURING MAY AND JUNE. THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WERE OVERSEAS FOR THE FIRST TIME. E&E AND SECURITY BRIEFINGS NOT PLANNED FOR GROUP UNTIL JULY DUE TO ABSENCE OF E&E OFFICER (RSO). EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT E&E BRIEFINGS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ANY POST AS NEW ARRIVALS REQUIRED MUCH ATTENTION FOR ROUTINE MATTERS WHICH CONSUMED VALUABLE PREPARATION TIME FOR THE OVERALL OPERATION.

6. DUE TO PRESENT SITUATION, POST UNABLE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE POTENTIAL EVACUEE LIST. MAIN PROBLEM IS ESTIMATING NUMBER OF CYPRIOT AMERICANS. BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

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B. DOD PERSONNEL AT AKROTIRI NOT INCLUDED IN POST'S PLAN. - 34

C. NONOFFICIAL AMERICANS (STUDENTS, BUSINESSMEN, ETC.) - 30

D. CYPRIOT AMERICANS AND ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT EVACUEES - 500.
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